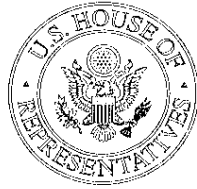


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The Honorable Peter J. Visclosky
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The Honorable David L. Hobson
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Dear Chairman Visclosky and Ranking Member Hobson:

I am writing respectfully to request your support for the following projects in the FY2009 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill:

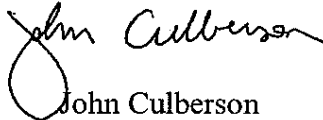
1. **Brays Bayou:** \$11,000,000, an increase of \$5.618 million over the President's request, to build detention ponds and water diversion channels along Brays Bayou to protect the homes in the area from flooding in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' General Construction account.
2. **White Oak Bayou:** \$200,000 for a feasibility study for flood mitigation on White Oak Bayou in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Investigations account.
3. **Buffalo Bayou:** \$100,000 to continue a study for a flood damage reduction project aimed at reducing the loss of life, injury, and property destruction in the Buffalo Bayou Watershed in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Investigations account.
4. **Houston-Galveston Navigation Channels:** \$39.2 million, an increase of \$17.5 million over the President's budget, to construct marshlands for environmental restoration and to maintain the channel at its authorized depth, allowing ships and barges continued access to the Channel in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' General Construction account.
5. **Houston Ship Channel:** \$66.7 million, an increase of \$49.8 million over the President's request, to continue daily maintenance and operations of one of the nation's busiest ship channels in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Operations and Maintenance account.

I am also supporting Congressman Gene Green's request for \$10,000,000 for construction along Greens Bayou to protect the homes in the area from flooding, as we saw in 2001 with Tropical Storm Allison.

Should your office need any additional information, please contact Alicia Lee at 6-9175.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my requests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Culberson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning of the first name.

John Culberson
Member of Congress